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Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services  
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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda\*

**Organizational matters: election of officers of the Bureau  
of the Plenary of the Platform (chair, vice-chairs and other  
Bureau members)**

## **Proposals received for officers of the Bureau**

### **Note by the secretariat**

1. At the second session of the plenary meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements for an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, held in Panama City from 16 to 21 April 2012, it was agreed that members of the Platform were to be invited to propose their candidates for the Bureau for nomination by regions and election by the Plenary (see UNEP/IPBES.MI/2/9, annex I, appendix II, rule 16).
2. As stipulated in rule 16 of the rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Platform, the Bureau of the Plenary will consist of the Chair, four Vice-Chairs and five other officers, to be elected from among the members of the Platform. Each of the five United Nations regions is to be represented by two officers in the Bureau, taking into account the principle of geographical representation. Further details on the nomination and selection of the officers of the Bureau are provided in the rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Platform (UNEP/IPBES.MI/2/9, annex I, appendix II) and in the guidance document on the nomination and selection process for officers of the Bureau and members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (IPBES/1/INF/11).
3. In response to the letter circulated by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme dated 29 May 2012, in which he invited the members of the Platform, as part of an intersessional process, to propose appropriate candidates for officers of the Bureau, the interim secretariat of the Platform at the United Nations Environment Programme received the proposals summarized below. The full curricula vitae of the candidates are available on the website of the

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\* IPBES/1/1.



Platform ([www.ipbes.net/plenary/nominations-to-the-bureau.html](http://www.ipbes.net/plenary/nominations-to-the-bureau.html)) and in document IPBES/1/INF/12.

### Proposals received for officers of the Bureau (as at 31 December 2012)

#### African States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Ethiopia	Bureau member	Gemedo Dalle Tussie	Director General, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Ethiopia	Male
Ghana	Bureau member	Alfred Apau Oteng Yeboah	Department of Botany, University of Ghana, Ghana	Male
Kenya	Bureau member	Ali Daud Mohamed	Permanent Secretary (Chief Executive Officer), Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources, Kenya	Male
Nigeria	Bureau member	John Esitadimma Onyekuru	Deputy Director, Conservation Division, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria	Male
Nigeria	Bureau member	Mohammad Lawal Balarabe	Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria	Male
South Africa	Bureau member	Fundisile Goodman Mketeni	Deputy Director-General, Biodiversity and Conservation, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa	Male

#### Asia-Pacific States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Bureau member	Asghar Mohammadi Fazel	Deputy Head, Department of Environment  President, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Economic Corporation Organization, Islamic Republic of Iran	Male
Republic of Korea	Bureau member	Yoo Yeon Chul	Director General, International Cooperation Office, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea	Male
Nepal	Bureau member	Jay Ram Adhikari	Under-Secretary (Technical), Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, Nepal	Male

**Eastern European States**

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bureau member	Senka Barudanović	Associate Professor, Centre for Ecology and Natural Resources, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Female

**Latin American and Caribbean States**

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Brazil	Bureau member	Adalberto Luís Val	General Director, National Institute for Research in the Amazon, Brazil	Male
Chile	Bureau member	Leonel Sierralta Jara	Head, Renewable Natural Resources and Biodiversity Division, Ministry of Environment, Chile	Male
Grenada	Bureau member	Spencer Thomas	Ambassador and Special Envoy for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Trade, Grenada	Male
Honduras	Bureau member	Lilian Ferrufino	Professor, Autonomous National University of Honduras, Honduras	Female

**Western European and other States**

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Chair/Vice-Chair	Robert T. Watson	Director for Strategic Development, Tyndall Centre, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Male
United States of America	Bureau member	Daniel A. Reifsnyder	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, United States Department of State, United States of America	Male